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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

TOPIC Improvement of the Border Obstacles in the Area West of Chob, near 25X1

Steindlberk and in the area North of Oldrichov

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to 23 August 1951

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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Border Area West of Chob. (Up to 23 August 1951)

1. Since 21 August 1951, Czech Army labor units have been improving the ditches and antitank obstacles already existing directly along the border in the border area northwest and south of Huehlbach (N 51/P 27). Even the smallest border passages were protected by obstacles. The antitank obstacle located on the Chob (N 51/P 37), Schirnding (Bavaria) road had been improved by a unit about the size of a platoon, commanded by a senior lieutenant, as early as mid-July 1951. A drain was constructed west of the obstacle to conduct the water of the summit-level pond located south of the road into the meadows situated north of it. Similar operations were also started south of Dubina (Michelberg, N 51/P 27) on 23 August 1951.

Border Area near Steindlberk (Up to 15 August 1951)

2. According to source's own observations and the statements of German border officials, the surveying operations, already mentioned in a previous report, along the border near Steindlberk (N 50/Q 17) extended approximately from the area 2 km northwest of Steindlberk as far as the area about 7 km west-southwest of Modrava (Kader, N 50/Q 26). Sporadically, mines were observed being supplied and laid. Judging by the number of mine boxes and signboards, a continuous mine belt interrupted only by an occasional break was being constructed. The gaps were protected by abatis easy to remove.

Area Northwest of Oldrichov. (1 April 1951)

3. During source's flight, wire entanglements running across woods and clear areas were observed in the area northwest of Oldrichov (N 51/I 36) at night. They were arranged in three parallel lines about 100 meters apart and consisted of posts, 1.5 meters high, which supported three lines of barbed wire. From 15 to 20 excavated bunkers, 1.5 meters high and about 3 meters wide, were observed some 100 meters west of these wire fences. A lighted lamp was set up about 1 meter above each bunker. The distance between the bunkers and the border was estimated at 400 meters. No activity was observed around the bunkers.

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